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## P R E F A C E .

THE origin of this little work is the result of an attempt to trace as far back as possible the branch of the Robbins Family, of which I am a member. I had not proceeded very far before I found I was obliged to extend my researches more widely than I had intended.

Thinking, therefore, that these notes might be of some interest to other members of the Robin, Robins, or Robbins Family, I determined to publish a few copies of them merely for private circulation.

In doing so, I do not claim any special merit for my work, as I have not been able to obtain access to the wills of several families. Therefore the work must remain, to some extent, circumscribed.

I am greatly indebted to many members of the Family for the valuable information they have so kindly afforded me.

The other chief sources from which I have collected my notes have been the rent rolls from the close of the 12th century, and the hundred rolls of Edward I., &c., to which I obtained access in the Bodleian Library.

In any matter of doubt, I have had the kind assistance of my esteemed friend, the eminent historian and antiquary, Mr. James Parker, M.A., Oxon, son of Mr. John Henry Parker, C.B., F.S.A., M.A.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE Robin, sometimes Robins Family, are supposed to be descended from the ancient tribes of the Robini, who inhabited the district of Venaissin, in Italy, and from whom sprang the Counts de Robin, who lived at Rome in the 10th century.

Guy Robin was the founder of the Family in France in the beginning of the 13th century.

Payne, in his *Armorial of Jersey*, says: "This branch of the Family has been settled in the island from time immemorial."

The Family appears in England at the end of the 13th century, where the name is commonly spelt "Robyns" (y and i being frequently interchanged): "Robbins" does not appear till the end of the 15th century.

The Family appears in Wales in the 16th century, and in Ireland in the 17th.